



<b>DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION</b> <b>(37 CFR 1.63)</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration Submitted With Initial Filing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing OR      (surcharge 37 CFR 1.16 (e) required)		Attorney Docket Number		4002-2815	
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		<b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>			
		Application Number		09/945,277	
		Filing Date		August 31, 2001	
		Group Art Unit		3727	
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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METHODS AND INSTRUMENTATION FOR VERTEBRAL INTERBODY FUSION

*(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

is attached hereto

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge and hereby disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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09/287,917	April 7, 1999	

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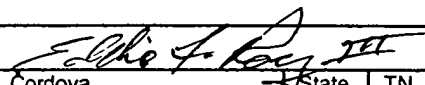
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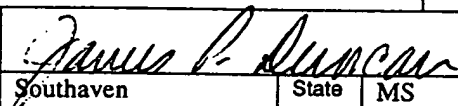
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